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Report Highlights:

Cold weather has slightly lowered Turkish citrus production. Although warmer weather is forecast for the short term, a large portion of the citrus crop remains at risk for frost damage. Traders and farmers are also concerned that a large portion of the remaining crop will find its way to market in a very short time and depress prices.

Includes PSD changes: No
Includes Trade Matrix: No
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At the beginning of the new year, the weather became extremely cold in Turkey. The cold front was accompanied by lots of snow in most parts of the country, and rain along the Mediterranean coast. Because most of the crop is grown in areas which were spared the worse effects of the bad weather, estimated damage is estimated at around three percent of the total orange production and one or two percent of the tangerine production. Although the damage to date is minimal, the industry is concerned that the remaining citrus crop will be harvested and dumped into the market within a very short time frame. This will depress prices and result in major losses for citrus farmers and traders.

About 95% of oranges, 80 percent of tangerines and 100% of lemons and grapefruits are grown on the Mediterranean coast, between Hatay and Antalya. This area was not very affected by the cold weather, due to continued precipitation and clouds. However, a lack of wind during this period made the crop more vulnerable to future adverse weather conditions. Some meteorologists are predicting drier weather, which could present new problems. Farmers have been taking measures to eliminate light and short term freeze by burning rubber, wood, etc. or by creating air circulation in their orchards. The Meteorological Institute is currently forecasting mostly clear and warmer weather in the coming weeks, but farmers need to remain alert to possibilities of future adverse conditions.

The cold front had a worse affect in the Aegean Region, which produces about five percent of Turkey's oranges and twenty percent of its tangerines. Within the region, Mugla province produces most of the oranges and Izmir province produces most of the tangerines. Most of the oranges had not yet been harvested and froze. However, the tangerine harvest was nearly completed before the adverse conditions took hold..

PSD Table						
Country	Turkey					
Commodity	Fresh Oranges				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/1999		10/2000		10/2001
Area Planted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bearing Trees	11475	11475	11600	11600	11700	11700
Non-Bearing Trees	915	915	900	900	900	900
TOTAL No. Of Trees	12390	12390	12500	12500	12600	12600
Production	1100	1100	950	1070	1070	1040
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	1100	1100	950	1070	1070	1040
Exports	101	102	70	115	130	130
Fresh Dom. Consumption	889	888	785	848	833	806
Processing	110	110	95	107	107	104
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1100	1100	950	1070	1070	1040

PSD Table						
Country	Turkey					
Commodity	Fresh Tangerines				(HECTARES)(1000 TREES)(1000 MT)	
	Revised	1999	Preliminary	2000	Forecast	2001
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		10/1999		10/2000		10/2001
Area Planted	0	0	0	0	0	0
Area Harvested	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bearing Trees	8100	8100	8150	8150	8200	8200
Non-Bearing Trees	855	855	850	850	850	850
TOTAL No. Of Trees	8955	8955	9000	9000	9050	9050
Production	500	500	480	560	560	550
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	500	500	480	560	560	550
Exports	121	121	110	157	170	170
Fresh Dom. Consumption	329	329	322	347	334	325
Processing	50	50	48	56	56	55
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	500	500	480	560	560	550